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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. A method for setting up and/or clearing a communications link, comprising:
setting up and/or clearing a communications link for transporting communication data which is carried out by at least one functional unit in a communications network; and controlling the connection function which is carried out by a second functional unit in the communications network, wherein
the first and the second functional units are physically separated from one another.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
signaling to control the setting up and/or clearing of a communications link,
wherein
the connection is set up and/or cleared via a transport network; and
signaling is carried out via a control network.
3. The method as claimed in claim 2, in which the signaling is controlled by a central device.